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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

Banks.

Notices of Firms.

Auctions.

Intimations.

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Jan. 4, VASS, Brit. str., 559 Ashton, Foo-chow 1st Jan., Amoy and Swatow 3rd, Tea and Treasure—D. LAPEAK & Co.

Jan. 4, BATTISON, German str., 707, Schulz, Hamburg 20th October, London 4th Nov., Port Said, Suez, and Singapore 27th December, General—W.M. PUSTAU & Co.

Jan. 5, CHINA, Brit. str., 978, T. S. Gardner, Calcutta 10th December, Panang 25th, and Singapore 27th, General—D. SAS-SONN, Sons & Co.

Jan. 4, MARINE STAR, Siam, bank, 370, J. Lauriston, Chefoo 20th December, General—CHINESE.

Jan. 4, AUGUSTE LIEFLER, Swed. str., 430, J. R. Bjork, Batavia 8th December, and Singapore 20th, General—NOORUS, LYAL & Co.

Jan. 5, BEN TSOI, Brit. str., 993, Buchanan, Higo 23rd December, Amoy 4th January, 26,000 piculs Rice—REESAU & Co.

Jan. 5, CHARLES, Amer. bark, 593, Carlton, Chaffey 24th December, Vesuvius and Beans—CHINESE.

Jan. 5, UNITED SERVICE, Brit. str., 725, Distant, Foaang 22nd December, and Singapore 28th, General—CHINESE.

Jan. 6, SCOTTISH, Brit. str., 2,150, John James, London 3rd November, Gravesend 10th Queenstown 13th, Malta 21st, Port Said 26th, Suez 28th, Dalle 11th December, and Singapore 29th, General—ORDER.

Jan. 5, CHINA, GERMAN str., 642, Hemings, Whampoa 5th January—SIEMSEN & Co.

Jan. 5, KREUZBRUNNSEN, Dan. bark, 344, Caspian, Whampoa 4th January—JOHN BURN & Co.

Jan. 5, LUGAR, Brit. bark, 493, Griffiths, Newport 28th July, 738 tons Coal—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Jan. 5, HISTORIAN, Brit. str., 1,850, Tutton, Calcutta 19th Dec., Penang 25th, and Singapore 28th, General—JARDIN, Mavor & Co.

Jan. 5, SALVADORA, Span. ship, 1,000, Dernbachen, Cardiff 8th August, 931 tons Coal—GENERAL.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with instructions received from the Board of Directors, the HONGKONG BRANCH will be closed on 31st December, 1872, after which date Messrs. GILMAN & Co. will act as Agents for the Bank at this Port.

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2, Queen's Bond East, 13th December, 1872. ff 2173

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Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

1788, Hongkong, 8th October, 1872.

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TWO GRANITE GODOWNS, fronting on the Esplanade. Apply to S. E. BURROWS & SONS, ff 1788, Hongkong, 8th October, 1872.

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A STABLE on the China Road, opposite to the Hermitage. Accommodation for two horses. Apply to JOHN J. FRANCIS, Solicitor, 2, Club Chambers, ff 1488, Hongkong, 19th August, 1872.

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There are 12 Rooms, 3 Stated-stable, Coach-House, Kitchen, Large Kitchen Garden, and Pleasure Grounds, Gas and Water laid throughout. Apply to ED. SHARP & TOLIER, Solicitors, ff 172, Hongkong, 24th January, 1872.

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The American bark "Caron" reports left Chefoo on 12th December, had light fair winds throughout; left four Siamese vessels in Chefoo.

The Swedish steamer "Auguste Lefler" reports left Batavia on the 8th, and Singapore on 20th December, the first eight days had very rough weather; since when bad fine light monsoon to arrive.

The British steamer "China" reports left Calcutta on the 17th December, Penang on 25th, and Singapore on 28th, arrived here on the 23rd with the troop ship "Adventure" left steamer "Scotland" and Messrs. D. LAPRACK new steamer, in Singapore, bound to Hongkong; experienced moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather all the passage.

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The Chronicle and Directory for 1873.

This Work, now in the ELEVENTH year of its existence, will be published as early as practicable after the close of the current year.

It will be compiled and printed at the Daily Press Office, as usual, from the best and most authentic sources, and no pains will be spared to make the work complete and correct.

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The delivery of the Daily Press from this office commenced on Saturday morning at 10.00, and the last messenger left the office at 10.20.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 6TH, 1873.

WHILE we have never been the advocates for passing over any serious outrages upon foreigners in China, we cannot but think that the remarks which are made by the correspondent of the Shanghai "Courier," with reference to a fracas at Tungchow, go beyond all reasonable lengths. The account which we reproduced on Friday, shows that young Holmes, a lad of ten years, was riding a donkey through some Chinese streets, attended by a native lad of sixteen, and that the usual complimentary term of "little devil" was used to him. The native horse-boy, instead of prudently leaving the master alone, took it up, and challenged the men, by asking them whom they were reviling—and they seized upon him, saying he could not rely upon the protection of foreigners, and commenced pummelling him. The lad, with commendable pluck, went to rescue the native, and received a blow on the head, which is described as having felled him to the ground, but is not said to have been more than the kind of blow which might be given in the heat of conflict to anyone inuring, and without any very gross hardness. The master is, however, described in touching language as an "outrage on a child," while the remark of the horse-boy, which was the origin of the fight, "Whom are you reviling?" is smoothed over by being described as "what the Chinese generally do when assailed with abusive language"—a description probably true in the sense that the words are pretty nearly equivalent to a foreigner asking "Who do you speak to?" It is quite clear that they were not complimentary, and there can be little doubt from the reply given that they were used in a way to produce irritation. The foreign lad was not seriously hurt, as is proved by the fact that he very shortly after was able to get up, and go away with the horse-boy, and the bystanders soon interfered, and put an end to the affair. On the whole, the master, according to the account given by the writer in the paper, was nothing more than an assault resulting from a quarrel, and had nothing in it of the nature of an outrage on a child. The younger's courage was commendable, but if a lad voluntarily mixes up in a fight, he is apt to receive a blow in China as he would be if he did the same thing in the playground at home.

Nothing, however, will satisfy the wounded parties but that the master should be made a great diplomatic question. It is referred to the Consul, and it is suggested that the case should be "firmly" dealt with, chiefly because "all the residents at Tungchow are interested in the master," and the guilty parties are bousing round the streets about what they have done, and daring Miss Holmes, the mother of the lad, to do her vindict. However, the eloquent appeal for firmness concludes by urging, with a reference to the frank some time ago Mr. Wade, that "it remains to us to see what difference there is between being in Peking, and being somewhere else, and in being the British Minister, and being somebody else." This is, of course, an interesting general subject for discussion, just as it is amusing to discuss how many angels might dance on the point of a needle—but it has after all comparatively little to do with the master. If the natives of Tungchow call foreign lads "little devils," they ought to be fined \$1 for use of abusive language. If a native horse-boy's resent the law of language of the kind not addressed to themselves, and a fight ensues, the parties to the fight ought to be punished according to their respective deserts for a breach of the public peace; and finally, if a youngster comes up in an affray, rings the iron of one of those engaged in it, and receives a blow, the Master's man may consider what kind of a blow was given, and how far there was a provocation to strike a lad, and having done so, punish accordingly. This, it appears to me, is the point that any "firmness" on the part of the Consul expedient, and we cannot but figure to the statesman-like manner in which the affair is treated. The peculiar wording of the account gives evidence, if we are not very much mistaken, of the source from which it came. Part of the account thus: "Two men of our race are out from the shop saying you have received several blows from them since we crossed the Chinese sea, and began to beat them. Young Holmes, though but a child of ten years old, struck off his donkey, and seized the man's clothes, trying to pull him off the boy." The extraordinary use of the expression "our race," which we have hitherto must strike anyone; and it happens that if bad English is very good colloquial Southern Chinese, the word 起人, which is used as an equivalent to 撞人, has

at once. It seems, therefore, very much as if the horse-boy's account of the affair had been taken down verbatim at Tungchow, and relied upon as undoubted version.

It does not seem to occur to the correspondents of our northern newspaper that it was the very height of impropriety to allow a lad of ten years of age to go about with no other protection than a horse-boy of sixteen, in a place paid by a lousy horse-boy servant, it is hardly surprising.

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BUXTON. The defendant committed his trial to the Committee, and the trial was adjourned to the 1st instant, and the Committee adjourned to the 2nd instant. Defendants were each sent to one month's hard labour.

JOHN COOPER TAYLOR. Two charcoalies named Sam-a-chau and Sam-a-ling were charged by Mr. L. Begum, a resident of the Victoria Bakery, with extorting a sum of money from the Consul, and demanding a second payment of charcoalies for the clearing of New Year debts when defendants were discharged.

Defendants were discharged with a warning.

BUXTON. The Government contractor to clean dust.

A defendant was fined \$10, for neglecting to clear away the dirt of the bin in Bridges-street.

Defendant, as an excuse, said one of his men had fallen down and hurt his leg.

His wife told him it was his duty to come with such hindrance charged with the same offence.

BUXTON. The defendant was fined \$20.

BUXTON. Inspector Livingston summoned the occupant of houses 21, Gap-street, and 25, West-street, for the 1st December, and to date; namely, unlawfully exposing salt-barrels, and retailing the same by catties and taels in their own shop, outside the public market, contravention of the Market Ordinance. Defendants were fined \$2 each.

The documents of No. 235 and 231, Queen-street, were also fined \$1 each for the same offence. Defendants in these cases admitted the charge, whereas the defendants in the other two denied it.

MEDDLING GOVERNMENT.

(From Medd.)

The more advanced minds in Japan at this moment have so deeply impressed with the superiority of Western civilization that they are in danger of committing the same blunder as the Chinese in the past, in that they attempt to assimilate the one to the other too rapidly and too closely. That the Japanese should be anxious to make the model of their future political and social condition from Europe is not only natural and excusable, but laudable, and that doing this they should make many serious errors and constantly mistake false for real lights, is only to be expected.

Nor have they any advantage in this respect, as they are not even in a position to understand the documents of the Chinese in their original form, and that they are compelled to do so for the sake of their political and social condition from Europe is not only natural and excusable, but laudable, and that doing this they should make many serious errors and constantly mistake false for real lights, is only to be expected.

The Ditching Society is to meet this evening, when the discussion will be upon a very interesting subject, namely, the possibility or otherwise of establishing a proper system of fraternization.

One of those delightful pieces of circumlocution which seem always to characterize government, the steamer Scotland, which arrived yesterday, after bringing the remainder portion of their crew Regt. to Tungchow, was not allowed to land, and the arrangement being that the troops were to remain on board until they could be transferred to the steamer.

The performance of the Japanese Troops on Saturday night at the City-Hill Theatre, under the patronage of Sir Arthur Kennedy, was a very unusual one as far as the persons who were concerned, but it is to be regretted the audience, though select, was an appreciative one, and their applause was fully merited by the performers.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

LONDON, Jan. 5th, 1873.

The German Chargé d'Affairs leaves Rome. France has adopted the English tongue-system. Passports between France and Germany are abolished.

The Cuban insurrection is renewed.

The report of Anstro-Russo-German interference with Chilian mines is contradicted.

France pays Germany 200 millions monthly till May.

CANAL.

Outward—Deutsche, Arizong, and Chin-kiang.

CRICKET.

A match was played on Saturday, between a first eleven and a second eleven, the former and a second eleven with bat. The former won the toss, took their opponents to the wickets, and immediately commenced the wicket, and a vigorous attack, with Masses, Darby and John, on bowling. The wicket fell very fast, one for 2, two for 3, three for 4, four for 5, and five for 9. After this Masses, Bone, Holiday, and Hardy, contributed rather better figures, and the last wicket fell for 48.

The broomstick's last effort with Masses, Hood, Head, and Head, went with the ball, and the match was over.

On the second innings, the Babs were rather more successful, playing very steadily for 17 each, and the match closed for 61, leaving the other side 57 to set to win. This had to be done however in less than three quarters of an hour, and notwithstanding the many hitting of Masses, Head, Darby, and Foss (the latter playing a splendid game), the Parado Ground was out before 50, before the last effort, secured 7 runs, and had five wickets down.

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FIREPROOF BUILDINGS.

Mr. Robert W. Ellis, Esq., supplements his letter with the following extract from a Report by Mr. S. C. Stoddard, which was submitted by Mr. Charles Lucas, secretary of that society, to the secretary of the Royal Institute of British Architects at the late conference, and which, Mr. Ellis considers, entirely bears out his own experience and remarks on the late fires in Paris, and the utter uselessness of the so-called "general fireproof construction":—Extract.—"Walls of Fireproof construction. The walls constructed of freestone are good, but the joints are liable to be dislodged by dilatation, and the calcination of the limestone; and offering no further resistance. 2.—Walls of Rough Stone.—Walls, covered with a thick layer of plaster, have, owing to this preservative coating, resisted unchanged, and generally they will be retained in the process of reconstruction. 3.—Brick and (Calcareous) Sicilian Mill-stones.—Walling of these kinds have, generally resisted better, a thicker stone, and easily yielded to the stone, when it came under construction; and as to the brick, in partition walls, where the brick faces of chimney remained almost intact, by the side of "stone," brought before him, the difficulty of that transfer was made, should have had the same power as the original Society to grant policies; that the policyholder should have been informed of his power to transfer, and that the underwriter should give him a written evidence of his particular understanding of what he was doing, when he allowed the transfer to be made.

If the confidence smites the once, it is all admissions; if it smites the twice, it is condemnation.

The death is announced of Dr. Gray, Bishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of South Africa, at the age of 53.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

JANUARY 6TH, MORNING.

Puma, \$623 to \$627; cash and credit; imports, \$850 to \$855, cash and credit. Import steamers China and Historian, about 2,325 cwt. Puma and Barossa opium, old and new. Market for New drug not open. Mawra, \$600 on credit, first quality. Mawra, \$600 on credit, with 6 to 8 cwt. allowance in weight, according to quality, cash or D. Date.

The 12th, or last Opium Sale of this year was held on the 5th December, when 2,000 chests

Puma and 1,775 chests Barossa were sold at the following rates.—Puma: 1870-71, chest

674, sold highest Rs. 1,355, lowest Rs. 1,350,

average Rs. 1,350.87; Puma of 1871-72, chest

674, sold highest Rs. 1,365, lowest Rs. 1,359,

average Rs. 1,365; Barossa: 1,365, lowest Rs. 1,355.25. Barossa of 1870-71, chests 1,293

sold highest Rs. 1,270, lowest Rs. 1,265, average

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Extracts.

THOMAS AND SYNNOV.
"By Blawer North Rover."
"I have been in Grindrake Dale, where
Ladys' mighty food
Ghosts moreover stirring strain unto the
lacing wood?"
And have you seen the evening sun on those
bright glistering snows?
Then you have heard of Syntov, Hongland of
myself perchance.

For Syntov Hong it became as the lumber wil-
low spray.
And who will think you hold her fast, and she
will never let you go?
They're the airy blow-hall that dances o'er
the sea.
She cuts through your fingers slips, and light-
ly doubts free.

There were last as John's Eve, — I remember
it so well — a bonfire in a grass-grown little
dell.

And all the lads and maidens were seated in a
ring.

And some were telling stories, while the rest
were listening.

Till up sprang Little Syntov, and she sang a
stave as clear
As the sky's earliest greeting in the morn-
ing of the year.

And I — I hardly knew myself, but up they saw
me dart."

For every note of Syntov's stave went straight
onto my heart.

And like the rushing currents, that from the
glories flow,

And down into the sunny bays their icy waters
throw.

So strained my heavy base-note through the
forests far and wide.

All Syntov's treble rocked like a feather on
the tide.

"And little Syntov," sang I, "thou art good
and very fair!"

"And little Thoral," sang she of what you
are.

"My friend Syntov" quoth I, "my heart was
ever thine,

My honest and my goodly farm, my herds of
loving kine."

O Thorul, dearest Thorul, if that your men-
ting be — don't hold such a little thing.

Then — I shall truly tell you if ever I want a
man,

And — you are free to catch me, handsome
Thorul, if you can."

And down the hillside on she, whereso the tan-
gued thicket weaves;

A closely latived bower with its intertwining
leaves.

And through the coppice skipped she, light-
footed as a hare,

And with her merry laughter rang the forests
far and near.

And whenever I beheld little Syntov, all that
year.

She fled from my sight as from hunter's shaft
the deer.

I lay awake full half the night, and knew not
what to do.

For I loved little Syntov so tenderly and
true."

Then 'twas a summer even up in the birchen
glee,

I sat listening to the cuckoo and the twitter of
the wren;

And suddenly above me rang out a silver
voice;

It rose above the twittering birds, and o'er the
river's noise.

There sat my little love, where the rocks had
made a seat,

And the crimson-tipped flowers grew all
around her feet.

And under yellow looks clung a tiny roguish
birdie's waist.

She blushed and she fluttered, then turned away
to run.

But straight into my sturdy arms I caught the
little one,

I put her gently down in the heather at my
side,

Where the crimson-tipped flowers the rocky
ledges hide.

And as the prisoned birdling, when he knows
his cage full well,

Pours forth his silver-toned voice, and caught
his mirth can quell.

So little Syntov, straining in vain my bold &
fies,

Turned quick on me her roguish eyes and
laughed full heartily.

"My little Syntov," said I, "if I remember
right,

It was something that you promised me a year
ago, to-night."

Then straight as stroyed her laughter, and full
serious she grew,

And with a slender birch-bough around the
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